

Plantae Hartwegianae
Ever yours very sincerely
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My dear Sir

Your 2^d vol of Gen. Plants,
reached me about a fortnight
since and I immediately - that
is as soon as I was able to look
over it enough for the purpose,
wrote a notice of it for Hooker.
The Nov. n^o was already in type
so that this will only come in to
the Dec^r one - I like the work
very much - you will see I have
discussed deduplication a little - it
is ~~in~~ a word I do not like as giving
one name to different morphological
processes among which I do not
believe in that to which the name
was originally and ^{the} most least

inappropriately given. The important point that two or more stamens or petals occupy often the place of one in a modern observation which you have developed, but that it is always by a splitting of ~~that~~ the organ I do not believe any more than that the tufts of leaves in *Heaths* and *Araliacs* are formed by the splitting of one. Messrs Dunal & Moquin Tandon are very clever men, but dreadfully theoretical and very ingenious in twisting facts into their theories.

A very careful collector, Mr Spence is now at Para and is going to botanize the Amazon and the hills towards Guiana - I expect his first plants very shortly. I have agreed - in the first instance at least to name & distribute them. Can you place any sets in N. America? They will be at \$2 per hundred free of charge to London. Cyperaceae Gramineae

and Ferns will I believe be to be had separately.

If you have ever any *Alnus Mexicana* etc duplicates to spare I shall be very thankful for them notwithstanding my desire for them I have been obliged to forego Fendler's plants and for the last two or three years have not purchased a plant - various causes having forced me into that retrenchment & economy which has become so fashionable by compulsion, since all the world wants to boggle at republics.

I have just corrected the last proofs of the *Algae Florae* which has taken up so much of my time & now shall have more time to attend to American plants and shall first finish